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For:

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HYDROXIDE IN PEROXIDE BLEACHING OF MECHANICAL PULP

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents,

Washington, D.C. 20231

Responsive to the Office Action dated November 20, 2002, enclosed is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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AMENDMENT

Responsive to the Office Action dated November 20, 2002, the following is hereby submitted:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

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1. (Amended) A process of making a bleached mechanical wood pulp comprising: providing an aqueous slurry of mechanical wood pulp;

combining the mechanical wood pulp with a bleaching mixture comprising hydrogen peroxide and a magnesium compound selected from the group consisting of magnesium hydroxide, magnesium oxide and mixtures thereof, to form a bleaching pulp mixture, the bleaching pulp mixture being at a pH of from about 5.0 to 8.5; and

bleaching the bleaching pulp mixture for a time sufficient to produce the bleached mechanical wood pulp.

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